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In re Application of :
McClurg, et al. :
Application No. 10/725,543 :
Filed: December 3, 2003 :
For: SYSTEM HAVING A ROTATING OPTICAL :
SYSTEM AND A NON-PLANAR PRISM THAT :
ARE USED TO OBTAIN PRINT AND OTHER :
HAND CHARACTERISTIC INFORMATION :

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition to make special filed August 3, 2004 under MPEP §708.02 (IV), applicant's age.

A petition to make special under MPEP §708.02, IV, must show that petitioner is 65 years of age, or more. Acceptable evidence includes a birth certificate, copy of a driver's license, or simply a statement by the applicant. No fee is required.

The petition includes a statement from one of the co-inventors, in support of the petition, evidencing that he is over 65 years of age.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

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